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SUBJECT: NCNA CADRE STUNNED BY BRADSHER VISA

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1. HONG KONG NCNA CADRE SZETO KUNG REPORTEDLY WAS STUNNED TO LEARN THAT AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT HENRY BRADSHER HAD BEEN GIVEN A VISA TO CHINA (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO THE NEW YORK TIMES' LELYVELD WHO GAVE SZETO THE NEWS, HE AT FIRST REFUSED TO BELIEVE IT AND THEN PRONOUNCED IT "INCREDIBLE." SZETO SAID THAT "IF I WERE THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL INVOLVED I WOULD HAVE THROWN MR. BRADSHER'S VISA REQUEST IN HIS FACE." LELYVELD COMMENTS THAT HE HAS NEVER SEEN SZETO, WITH WHOM HE KEEPS CLOSE COMPANY, SO TAKEN ABACK, NOR HAD HE EVER BEFORE HEARD SZETO EXPRESS CRITICISM OF ANY PRC ACTION.

2. COMMENT. SZETO'S SURPRISE UNDERSCORES THE GENERAL REACTION AMONG OBSERVERS HERE. ONE LINE OF SPECULATION IS THAT SOMEBODY IN PEKING APPROVES OF BRADSHER'S ARTICLES WHICH HAVE CRIED ALARM AT RADICAL ATTACKS AGAINST PREMIER CHOU. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING

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IF FOREIGN MINISTRY PRESS DIVISION OFFICIAL MA YU-CHEN WERE
INVOLVED WITH BRADSHER'S VISA AND WITH THE RECENT CLARE
HOLLINGWORTH, DAILY TELEGRAPH STORY ABOUT CONTENTION BETWEEN
CHOU AND CHIANG CHING (HONG KONG 11275).
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